The PEAIS scheme envisages that all States, including Andhra Pradesh would be eligible to receive funds under it, if it shows progress in respect of the criteria stated out in the devolution index.

(e) and (f) 26 demands have been listed in the charter of demands adopted by the local Government representatives of Andhra Pradesh on 6th January, 2007 in Hyderabad. The demands have been forwarded to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. One of the demands stands fulfilled with the constitution of District Planning Committees in Andhra Pradesh.

Posting of IAS/IPS Officers in Jharkhand

†1105. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of Indian Administrative Service and Indian Police Service are posted in Jharkhand in consonance with the sanctioned posts;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the work of Government is not affected due to shortage of officers; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to meet this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In Jharkhand Cadre, as on 1.1.2007, the total authorized strength of IAS officers was 143 posts against which 21 officers were in position. With a view to making more IAS officers available to States including Jharkhand, the Central Government has also decided to increase the intake of Direct recruit officers beginning this year. Besides, the Central Government has also determined 04 State Civil Services (SCS) 02 Non-SCS vacancies for the year 2007 for Jharkhand.

As on 1.1.2007, against the total authorized strength of 110 in IPS, the number of posts sanctioned for the State Government was 86 (excluding Central Deputation Reserve) against which 75 IPS officers were in position. In addition, 04 Direct Recruit IPS officers are expected to join the Cadre from the Civil Services Examination, 2006. Further, 15 more officers will be selected against the Promotion Quota (PQ) vacancies as per the procedure for filling up PQ posts. Filling up of the vacancies of the Promotion Quota is an ongoing process and the UPSC has been requested to expedite the same.

Conference of CIC and SIC

†1106. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions was held recently in Delhi;

(b) whether CIC has submitted its recommendation to Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.